

TITUS:
THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE GRACE OF GOD
AND THE FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH

An Overview of Womanhood

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- I. **The Definition of a *Female*** (*nâqebah /nek-ay-baw/*): one who was created by God as a material and immaterial being with a unique DNA, two X chromosomes, and the physical distinctive of a vagina, ovaries and a uterus for a particular function and purpose in the culture. She operates alongside yet distinct from a male and all other creations of God (Genesis 1:27).
 - A. A female is equal in essence to a male, yet distinct and different in her form and function from a male. She is no less than a male, but is equal to a male in her creation. Her intelligence is no less than a male's, but is equal to a male's in her creation. Her form and function are just as valuable to God as those of her male counterpart.
 - B. In most cases, women are born with a vagina, ovaries and a uterus. In the event there is either the absence of or an addition to the normal female sexual organs, a chromosome test should verify her gender.

- II. **The Definition of *Womanhood***: the mindset, manner and movement that all females were distinctly created and called by God to function within in all aspects of life (Genesis 2:18). God established the roles of biblical manhood and womanhood plainly in the beginning before the fall. Nowhere in His Word does He change this order for any reason (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:3, 8-9, 11-12; 1 Timothy 2:12-14).
 - A. *ézer kenegdo* – To function in womanhood is to function as a helper who is comparable to a man in essence and being, but distinct and different from a man in form and function. To function in womanhood is to function in such a way whereby a woman embraces the fact that she is not designed to have the same function as a man, but has a different function of equal value in order to carry out her God-given assignments alongside men.
 - B. She carries herself in a mindset, manner and movement that demonstrate that she was designed to complement man in the carrying out of God-given assignments that could not be done to completion or done well apart from the contribution of her form, gifts, talents, abilities, skills, personality and treasures.

III. **The Duties of a Female:** the duties of a female correspond with how she was created by God from the beginning to function (Genesis 2:18).

- A. Women are responsible for supporting men in **procreation on earth** – carrying the life implanted through the seed of her husband to birth, so that mankind would reflect the character of God throughout the earth (Genesis 1:26-28).
- B. Women are responsible for supporting men in **subduing the earth** – supporting men in governing the earth (i.e. stewardship, management, control and order) according to the will of God (Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15-18).
- C. Women are responsible for supporting men in establishing **dominion over the earth** – supporting men in overseeing the earth (Genesis: 1:26-28, 2:15-18).
- D. In essence, women are to **procreate** with their husbands only and to **support** and **submit** to men in the governance and leadership of creation within the realm of their influence and position to the glory of God and the good of mankind (Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:3).

IV. **The Deliberation to Women:**

- A. A woman is to operate in such a manner whereby her talents, gifts, abilities and skills correspond to or complement male headship.
- B. A woman was not designed to take a man's place, but to work alongside him as placed by God to do so.
- C. A woman is not to operate in a manner whereby she seeks to replace or be equal to male headship, but to correspond to or complement male headship. Where she does lead over men in areas outside the church (i.e. as employer, executive, owner of a company, civic organization leader, etc.), she does so in a way that does not compromise her femininity or dishonor a man's masculinity while glorifying God in her work accordingly.
- D. Therefore, it is prudent for women to learn, live and discipline themselves around the precepts and plans of God.

(Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15-18; 1 Corinthians 11:3,8-9, 11-12; Proverbs 14:8;
Romans 12:2; 1 Timothy 4:7)

V. The Direction for Women:

- A. Women must **delight** in their position as co-heirs with men before the throne of God.
- B. Women must **develop** in the precepts of God in relation to all that He has for women to do in the position and practice established for them through the created order.
- C. Women must be **disciplined** in their practice of functioning within the role that God has established through the created order.
- D. Women must **dismiss** the perspective that they are less than men because of the role God established for them through the created order.
- E. Women must be **devoted** to promoting the position and practice ordained for them by God to other women so that God may be glorified through their position and practice.
- F. Women must **discover** the pleasure that God brings to their lives as a result of living within the created order of God.

Key Point:

A woman must function in such a way that she builds up her house and does not tear it down (Proverbs 14:1). An atmosphere of competition and division can be formed in many homes and many churches if the understanding and definition of equality is not solely centered around and based on the Word of God. Women are every bit as capable, as precious and as vital to the Kingdom of Christ as any man. She is not less than a man in her intelligence, function and value. Women have been sovereignly given a role to follow just as men have been given a role to follow. The natural, fleshly tendency of women (when not walking by the Spirit of God) is either to usurp the authority of men or to overly accommodate the authority of men in the wrong way. Women must fight against these two extremes as they seek to complement male headship in the carrying out of God-given assignments through their gifts, talents, abilities, skills, personality and treasures. The book of Titus will give us insight into how older women and younger women should function within the body of Christ.